

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 12, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

Mayor Ray Beck brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of July 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Jarrod Ogden, Derek Duran, Tony Bohrer, W. Kent Nielson and Joe Bird. Councilmember John Ponikvar was absent. Staff present were Interim City Manager/Finance Director Bruce Nelson, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Road and Bridge Director Randy Call, Chief of Police Walt Vanatta, Parks/Recreation Director Dave Pike and City Clerk Kathy Larson.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve, as presented, the minutes from the June 28, 2016, meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve the June 2016 bills in the amount of \$491,775.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the consent agenda as presented: 1) the renewal of a tavern liquor license for Thunder Rolls Bowling Center located at 900 Industrial Avenue, and, 2) the issuance of a special events liquor permit for the Downtown Business Assn. for a beer garden at Fun Fest in Alice Pleasant Park on July 15, 2016. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At this time, councilmembers commented on various items, meetings and events.

Megan Moore-Kemp from Yampa Valley Electric Association (YVEA) appeared before Council to inform them about the Cen\$ible Energy program. This is an energy efficiency rebate program for members of YVEA to encourage saving energy and lowering bills. Sarah Jones from the Yampa Valley Sustainability Council (YVSC) also appeared with Ms. Kemp to discuss energy outreach and a program that YVSC offers to low income people.

City Attorney Romney presented Ordinance 1052 (2016) for first reading. Following an update from Attorney Romney, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, on first reading, Ordinance 1052 (2016) – an ordinance granting a non-exclusive cable franchise from the City of Craig to Bresnan Communications, LLC, locally known as Charter Communications. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At this time, Council held a lengthy discussion about the city manager hiring process. They reached a consensus to hire an executive search firm. Council will decide which firm to hire after they receive and review all proposals.

Parks/Recreation Director Pike made a presentation on this year's Whittle the Wood event. He indicated they received approximately \$8,360 from admissions to the event. He felt attendance may have been down a little from last year's event. He felt overall that it was very successful.

Chief of Police Vanatta presented his monthly report and answered questions for Council.

Road & Bridge/Solid Waste Director Call distributed copies of the city's Public Works manual to all council members. He asked Council to review the manual and offer comments on it when they can.

Acting City Manager Bruce Nelson indicated that he has started the budget process and will have a preliminary budget to Council by August 19<sup>th</sup>. Council requested a meeting with Staff on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the council chambers. The annual budget retreat will be held on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Citizen Ken Wergin offered comments to Council on a variety of subjects.

There being no further business, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.